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PEACEBUILDING, STABILIZATION AND RECONCILIATION (PSR)

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO CONFLICT

PSR improves prospects for long-term peace, security, and reconciliation by building trust between conflict-affected communities and their government; strengthening the ability of communities to mitigate and manage conflict; helping communities to prioritize and address their most pressing development needs; empowering marginalized youth as change agents; and providing support at the community level during the transition period to democratic elections.

APPROACH

PSR's approach starts with small projects to strengthen community level governance, civic engagement, and conflict resolution. The grass-roots approach serves to develop a nuanced village-by-village understanding of conflict dynamics. With this approach PSR increases inclusion and improves buy-in to create social cohesion and trust from the bottom up.

PSR works with communities to prevent violent extremism and increase stability via early warning and response systems and direct support to conflict-affected communities. PSR's small grant activities respond flexibly to community needs by directly engaging local non-governmental organizations in the design and implementation of short-term activities. USAID also recognizes the importance of flexible support during Mali's transition period to facilitate the return to democratically elected government. Accordingly, PSR collaborates with partners supporting Mali's democratic transition to identify and address local needs and development priorities in ways that enhance stability and resilience.

BUDGET TO DATE: \$24,849,631

PROJECT CYCLE: 2018-2023

TARGET AREAS: 43 conflict affected communes and communities in the northern and central regions of Mali: Segou, Mopti, Tombouctou, Gao, Kidal, Menaka, and Taoudeni

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:
Creative Associates International

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Over 100 grants to youth and women-led organizations to promote peace and social cohesion.
- 548 influential key actors trained in prevention and management of conflict.
- Support and development of local social, economic, and cultural development plans in 23 communes.
- 827 community leaders trained in preventing and countering violent extremism.
- 201 participants in regional round tables on consolidation of peace in Gao, Segou, and Timbuktu.
- 459 participants organized to engage in reconciliation and reintegration of internally displaced people.
- Partnership with academia to measure impact through randomized controlled trials.